

5.0 CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

5.1 AGENCY COORDINATION

The proposed action has undergone review by the NSB, state and federal agencies, and the general public. The USFWS has made a “No-Effect Determination” on threatened and endangered species. In preparing its plan of operations, CPAI conducted a series of meetings with local residents. These included numerous joint Applicant/BLM meetings in Nuiqsut, Anaktuvuk Pass, Barrow, Atqasuk, and Wainwright over the past 4 years. Also during this time frame, CPAI, BLM, ADF&G, NSB, and Village Elders participated in an on-site inspection of the proposed drill sites. Sources proposed for water withdrawal were reviewed with the local public. The NSB IHLCC Liaison and Village Elders provided Traditional Knowledge, which was incorporated in the project plan and into this assessment. CPAI also circulated several newsletters that summarized the proposed action and participated in a call-in session on KBWR radio.

BLM and CPAI have met to discuss the proposed action approximately monthly from spring 1999 to the present.

A SAP has been established by BLM and a subsistence plan was prepared by CPAI. The proposed plan and the current status of the proposed project have been discussed at meetings with BLM SAP, ICAS, ASRC, NSB Planning and Zoning Commission, NSB Planning Commission, Native Village of Barrow, Kuukpik Subsistence Oversight Committee, and the public in Barrow, Nuiqsut, Atqasuk, and Anaktuvuk Pass.

The preparers of this EA have made the following contacts in setting the scope of analysis and alternatives to be addressed:

- ♦ USFWS
- ♦ NPR-A SAP
- ♦ ADF&G
- ♦ NSB
- ♦ DGC

Comments submitted during the ACMP Consistency Review and the USACE Section 404 Permit public comment period have been reviewed and considered in preparing this EA. The ACMP Final Consistency Determination, including the Consistency Analysis, is incorporated into this review by reference.¹¹⁷ It is noted, however, that a portion of the project is located in the

Teshkepkuk Lake Area Special Area, and associated potential effects have been evaluated by BLM.

5.2 LIST OF PREPARERS

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¹¹⁷ DGC. Final Consistency Determination (State ID No. AK-0210-01OG.) December 3, 2002.